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Serial No.: 10/789,398

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) and**  
**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to grant a three-month extension of time, up to and including Monday, December 29, 2008, in which to respond to the Final Office Action dated June 27, 2008 in the above-identified application. December 27, 2008 being a Saturday and December 28, 2008 being a Sunday, this Notice of Appeal is being timely filed. Authorization is hereby given to charge the three-month extension fee, i.e. \$1,110, to the undersigned attorney's PTO deposit account No. 50-1047 accordingly.

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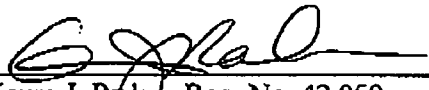
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Applicant hereby respectfully appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner dated June 27, 2008 finally rejecting the pending claims in this application.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1047 the appeal fee in the amount of \$540. It is further requested that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office charge any additional amounts due, including any additional extensions of time that may be required, or credit any overpayments made to Deposit Account 50-1047.

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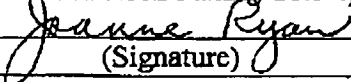
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